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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application -- Filing Date Granted, dated <u>July 12, 2001</u>, enclosed are the following documents in connection with the above-identified application:

| Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts Filing Date Granted |
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| Declaration for Patent Application |
| Assignment and Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet |
| Power of Attorney |
| Statement(s) of small entity status |
| Petition for an Extension of Time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts |
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Preliminary Amendment

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Respectfully submitted,

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